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1. SUMMARY. CISL SEC GEN STORTI'S PLAN TO ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY OF CNEL UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM CISL IS BEING THREATENED BY A NEW CANDIDATE.

INPS PRESIDENT MONTAGNANI, UNTIL RECENTLY A TOP SOCIALIST LABOR LEADER, HAS JOINED TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND IS SAID TO BE SEEKING PCI SUPPORT FOR THE CNEL PRESIDENCY. END SUMMARY.

2. BRUNO STORTI, LAME DUCK SECRETARY GENERAL OF CISL, HAS BEEN
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WAITING WITH GROWING IMPATIENCE FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF HIS

DISIGNATION AS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ECONOMICS AND LABOT (CNEL). THE GOVERNMENT, I.E., THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, HAS PROCRASTINATED FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, NOT LEAST OF WHICH IS THE DESIRE TO MAINTAIN TO HOLD ON STORTI IN ORDER TO ASSURE A CONGENIAL SUCCESSION. EVERY TIME STORTI IS SEEN TO MANEUVER IN FAVOR OF CISL SECRETARY PIERRE CARNITI AND CISL'S LEFT WING, THE DOCUMENT CONTAINING STORTI'S DESIGNATION AS CNEL PRESIDENT IS SHUFFLED TOWARD THE BACK OF THE PENDING FOLDER.

3. NOW, STORTI'S GAME PLAN IS ASSERTEDLY BEING THREATENED FROM ANOTHER QUARTER. FERNANDO MONTAGNANI, WHOSE TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY INPS WILL SOON EXPIRE, HAS RESIGNED FROM THE SOCIALIST PARTY AND APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY. PRIOR TO TAKING THE INPS POST, MONTAGNANI WAS THE NUMBER ONE SOCIALIST IN THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED LABOR FEDERATION CGIL. ACCORDING TO THE CURRENT ISSUE OF THE NEWS WEEKLY PANORAMA, AND CONSISTENT WITH RUMORS WE ARE PICKING UP, MONTAGNANI IS ASKING PCI SUPPORT FOR HIS DESIGNATION TO THE CNEL PRESIDENCY. THIS MANEUVER, IN TURN, COMPLICATES LIFE FOR GIUSEPPE REGGIO, CISL NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, WHO HAS BEEN PROGRAMMED TO SUCCEED MONTAGNANI IN THE PRESTIGIOUS INPS SINECURE.

4. MEANWHILE, MONTAGNANI'S SUCCESSOR AS TOP SOCIALIST IN THE CGIL, PIERO BONI, WILL SOON BE LEAVING THE CGIL, POSSIBLY TO ASSUME A POSITION IN THE PSI. COMPETING TO SUCCEED HIM ARE CGIL NATIONAL SECRETARIES MARIO DIDO AND AGOSTINO MARIANETTI. AS A MEMBER OF THE DOMINANT DEMARTINO FACTION OF THE PSI, MARIANETTI HAS HAD THE INSIDE TRACK AGAINST THE LOMBARDIANO DIDO. HOWEVER, WITH THE SUDDEN RESIGNATION OF DEMARTINO AS PARTY CHAIRMAN AND THE OSTENSIBLE DISSOLUTION OF FACTIONS WITHIN THE PSI (THE PARTY FACTIONS BEING THE TRADITIONAL SOURCE OF INTRA-PARTY POWER IN ITALIAN POLITICS), THE CONTEST IS AGAIN WIDE OPEN. MARIANETTI IS STILL THE FAVORITE, HOWEVER; DIDO IS SAID TO BE IN LINE FOR A JOB WITH THE EC IN BRUSSELS. A FURTHER CHANGE OF TOP PERSONNEL IN THE CGIL WILL BE OCCASIONED BY THE APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY ARVEDO FORNI (PCI) TO BE VICE PRESIDENT OF INPS.

5. COMMENT. MONTAGNANI'S LEAP FROM THE PSI TO THE PCI IS
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CLEARLY A CONSEQUENCE OF THE RECENT ELECTION: THE BATTERED AND DEPRESSED SOCIALISTS CAN NO LONGER OFFER PATRONAGE AND PROTECTION AS OF OLD. MONTAGNANI IS SURELY NOT THE ONLY ONE LEAVING THE SINKING SHIP. MEANWHILE, STORTI IS WATCHING NERVOUSLY WHILE THE DC OCCASIONALLY TUGS AT HIS REIN. UNLESS AN APPROPRIATE LANDING PLACE CAN BE FOUND FOR HIM, WE MAY YET FIND WE HAVE STORTI KICKING AROUND FOR A FEW MORE YEARS. BEAUDRY

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